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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

Flags - National Flag of India - Class of buildings to which the Flag need not be provided - Prescribed.

Public (Miscellaneous-I) Department.

G.O.No.Ms. 4005. Dated 18th November 1949.
Read the following:-

G.O.No.1176, W, Public Works, dated 12-6-1914.
G.O.No.Ms.2445, Public (Elections) dated 29-9-1948.
From the Inspector General of Police, R.C.No. 1983-1/HB/48 dated 8th December 1948.

ORDER:

In supersession of the class of buildings referred to in paragraph 2 of G.O.No.1176, W, Public Works, dated the 12th June 1914 and in continuation of G.O.No.Ms.2445, Public (Elections) dated the 29th September 1948, the Government direct that the National Flag of India need not be supplied to the class of buildings mentioned in the Annexure to this order. This prohibition will apply also to cover such important occasions as January 26th, Independence Day, Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday and the National Week.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

K.Ramunni Menon,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To the Departments of the Secretariat.
To all Heads of Departments (including Collectors and District Judges).
To all District Superintendents of Police.
To the Secretary, Madras Public Service Commission.
To the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, through the Mayor.
To the Presidents of District Boards.
To the Commissioner of Municipal Councils through their Chairmen.
Copy to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

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Superintendent.

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ANNEXURE.

LIST OF THE CLASS OF BUILDINGS WHICH NEED NOT BE PROVIDED WITH FLAGS.

(a) (1) Hospitals and dispensaries.
(2) Veterinary Hospitals.
(3) Police barracks.
(4) Police magazines and armories.
(5) Police Stations situated in outlying stations not being the headquarters of a Deputy Tahsildar or Sub-Magistrate.
(6) All offices of non-gazatted officers in the Forest, Labour, Educational and Public Works Departments.

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(7) Sub-Registrar's Offices located in rented buildings in places outside the headquarters of a district, division or a taluk.
(8) Factories, Godowns, Stores, Workshops except the important workshops at ~~Perambur~~, Madras, Dowlaishwaram and Vijayawada.
(9) Toll-gates and Wharfs.
(10) Cable Houses.
(11) Sub-jail buildings used as such.
(12) Government buildings in use by the Military Department or private individuals.
(13) Inspection of bungalows and rest-houses.
(14) Churches and places of worship.
(15) Survey, Settlement and Land Records Superintendents' Offices located in rented buildings.
(16) Courts of Bench Magistrates and village munsiffs.
(17) Residential buildings* other than the residences of the Hon'ble Premier, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Speaker, Hon'ble President & Collectors.
(18) Mortuaries.
(19) Office of the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts located in a portion of a rented building "Rushkyrum", Mount Road, Madras, in which the office of the Director of Agriculture and some other offices are also located.
(20) Offices of the District Inspectors of Local Fund Accounts.
(21) Rationing Offices.
Offices of District Supply Officers.
" Taluk Supply Officers.
" Firka Supply Officers.
(22) Prohibition Station Houses in outlying stations not being the headquarters of a Deputy Tahsildar or Sub Magistrate.
(23) Office of the Director of Controlled Commodities.
(24) Office of the Regional Director of Resettlement and Employment, Madras.
(25) Offices of the Provincial Textile Commissioner, Textile Control Officer (Special), Coimbatore and other Textile Control Officers which are located separately.
(26) Police Wireless Office.

(b) Buildings already provided with flags.

(c) Where a group of buildings contains a number of offices, it is sufficient if one falg is provided for the whole group.

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S. No. 2

No.9528-E.

Political and Services Department.
Bombay Castle, 1st November 1949.

From

M.D. Bhat Esquire, I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Subject:-Use of the National Flag of India and National Anthem.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.41/11/49 Public dated the 29th August 1949, on the subject noted above, I am directed to enclose for the information of the Government of India copies of the orders noted in the margin, issued by this Government regarding the use of the National Flag of India, and National Anthem.

Government Resolution Political and Services Department No.9528, dated the 19th February 1949.	)
Government Circular Political and Services Department No.9528 dated the 3rd November 1949.	)

Yours faithfully,

For Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

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Use of the National Flag of India.

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

POLITICAL AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

Resolution No. 9528.

Bombay Castle, 19th February 1949.

Read Government Endorsement, Political and Services Department, No. 9528/22692-E, dated the 5th July 1948.

RESOLUTION.—In supersession of all previous orders regarding the flying of flags, the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that the National Flag of India should be flown on all occasions at the discretion of the officers concerned on important Government buildings such as :—

(i) High Court,
(ii) Secretariat,
(iii) Council Hall,
(iv) Commissioners' Offices.
(v) Collectorates,
(vi) Jails.

The National Flag should similarly be flown on the offices of the District Local Boards and Municipalities.

2. The National Flag will be flown on the residence of the following officials only :—

(i) The Honourable the Premier,
(ii) The Honourable Ministers,
(iii) The Honourable the President of the Legislative Council,
(iv) The Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,
(v) The Commissioners of Divisions,
(vi) The Collectors of Districts.

The National Flag will also be flown on the cars of the following officials :—

(i) The Honourable the Premier,
(ii) The Honourable Ministers,
(iii) The Honourable the President of the Legislative Council,
(iv) The Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

3. The National Flag should be flown on all Government buildings on the following special occasions :—

(i) January 26th
(ii) National Week (6th to 12th April)
(iii) Independence Day (15th August)
(iv) Mahatma Gandhi's Birth-day (2nd October)
(v) Any other particular day of National rejoicing.

However, the use of the National Flag on these days will be unrestricted.

4. The following will be the *extra* special occasions for the flying of the National Flag on the Secretariat Building :—

(i) when His Excellency the Governor attends the Secretariat,
(ii) when the Honourable the Premier attends the Secretariat. If His Excellency comes before the Honourable the Premier, the Flag should continue to be flown so long as any one of them is in the office.

5. His Excellency the Governor has a special flag of his own and it will be flown on his residence as well as on his car.

6. The Government of India, when the Rules regarding the flying of the National Flag were framed, had expressed the hope, which the Provincial Government share, that the public would uphold the dignity of the National Flag and extend their full cooperation in adhering to the Rules, which were published by them in June 1948. The rules enunciate only the broad principles for ensuring the object in view and it is emphasized that the dignity of the Flag must be maintained.

7. It has been noticed that indiscriminate use of the emblem of the National Flag is made in advertisements, etc. In their Press Note issued in June 1948 the Government of India have reminded the public that such use is not in keeping with the dignity of the Flag. In this connection they have also drawn the attention of the public to the provisions of section 69 of the Trade Marks Act, which prohibit

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the unauthorised use of the emblem of the National Flag in any trade, business, calling or profession. In giving local publicity to the Rules, the District Officers should bring these points to the notice of the general public.

8. The Rules contained in Government Resolution, Education and Industries Department, No. 8503, dated the 11th October 1948, for the use of the National Flag should hold good so far as educational institutions are concerned.

9. It is important that all concerned should bear in mind that the Flag should not be flown between *sunset* and *sunrise* and if on any occasion it is necessary that the Flag should be kept flying for more than one day, it should always be lowered at sunset and then hoisted again at sunrise.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

M. D. BHAT,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

G. R., No. 9528, P. & S. D., dated the 19th February 1949.

To

The Private Secretary to the Governor of Bombay,
The Secretary to the Honourable the Premier,
The Commissioners of Divisions.
All Collectors,
The Inspector General of Police, Province of Bombay, Poona,
The Commissioner of Police, Bombay (with an intimation that the orders regarding the flying of the Flag daily on the Head Police Office should be treated as cancelled),
All other Heads of Departments and Offices under the several Departments of the Secretariat,
All Departments of the Secretariat,
All Personal Assistants to the Honourable Ministers,
The Secretary, Bombay Legislature Department,
The Director of Publicity,
*The Prothonotary and Senior Master, High Court, Bombay,
*The Registrar, High Court, Appellate Side, Bombay.

* By letter.

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Use of the National Flag of India and National Anthem.

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

POLITICAL AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

Circular No. 9528.

Bombay Castle, 3rd November 1949.

CIRCULAR.

The attention of the undermentioned officers is invited to the orders regarding the use of the National Flag of India contained in Government Resolution, Political and Services Department, No. 9528, dated the 19th February 1949, and they are requested to see that they are strictly observed.

2. The Director of Publicity, Bombay, and all Collectors are requested to give due publicity, for the guidance of the public to the Rules of the Government of India regulating the display of the National Flag of India, printed as an accompaniment to this Circular.

3. As regards the playing of the National Anthem, attention is invited to Government Endorsement, Political and Services Department, No. 2701/46-B, dated the 5th June 1948. ~~The Government of India have now decided that "Jana Mana Gana" alone should be recognised as the National Anthem of India.~~ Pending a final decision by the Constituent Assembly, the Govt of India have decided that "Jana gana mana" alone should be recognised as the National Anthem of India.

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By order of the Governor of Bombay,

M. D. BHAT,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

To

The Private Secretary to the Governor,
The Secretary to the Honourable the Premier,
The Commissioners of Divisions,
All Collectors,
The Inspector General of Police, Province of Bombay, Poona,
The Commissioner of Police, Bombay,
All Heads of Departments and Offices under the several Departments of the Secretariat,
All Departments of the Secretariat,
All Personal Assistants to the Honourable Ministers,
The Secretary, Bombay Legislature Department,
The Director of Publicity,
*The Prothonotary and Senior Master, High Court, Bombay,
*The Registrar, High Court, Appellate Side, Bombay.

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Accompaniment to Government Circular, Political and Services Department, No. 9528, dated 3rd November 1949.

Rules regulating the display of the National Flag of India.

The Flag is the emblem of the Nation. It is essential that it should not be brought into disrepute by unregulated use.

The following rules have therefore been prescribed for the display of the National Flag in India :—

I. *Display of the Flag on Buildings* :

(*a*) Normally the Flag should be flown only on important Government buildings such as High Court, Secretariats, Commissioners' Offices, Collectorates, Jails and Offices of the District Boards and Municipalities. It should also be flown on the residence of the Ministers (both Central and Provincial), President of the Constituent Assembly of India, Ministers of State of the Central Government, Chief Commissioners, Speakers of Assemblies (both at the Centre and in the Provinces), Presidents of Upper Chambers (where these exist), Commissioners of Divisions, Deputy Commissioners and Collectors of Districts and Ministers as well as Presidents or Speakers of Legislative Chambers of States and Unions of States.

(*b*) The Governor-General and Governors have special Flags of their own and they will continue to fly those flags on their residences.

(*c*) India's representatives in foreign countries and States should fly the flag on their residences.

(*d*) In frontier areas, the flag may be flown at special places.

(*e*) Ruling Princes and Rajpramukhs may also use the Flag on their residences, together with their own State Flags, if they so desire.

(*f*) The use of the flag by the Army, Navy and the Air Forces will be governed by the special rules made for the purpose.

(*g*) On special occasions like the Independence Day celebrations, National Week, January 26, and Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday, as well as on any other particular day of National Rejoicing, the use of the flag will be unrestricted.

II. *Display of the flag on cars.*

The privilege for use of the flag on motor cars will be limited to :—

(*a*) Ministers and Speakers, both Central and Provincial, Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers of the Central Government, President of the Constituent Assembly of India, Presidents of Upper Chambers, where these exist, Chief Commissioners, Ministers, as well as Presidents or Speakers of Legislative Chambers, of States and Unions of States.

(*b*) India's representatives in foreign countries and States.

(*c*) Ruling Princes and Raj Pramukhs who may also use their own State Flags, if they so choose.

(*d*) The Governor-General and the Governors have their own special flags. They will continue to use them. The Provincial Governors, when outside their Provinces, should fly the National Flag of India.

III. The Flag should not be flown by persons other than those mentioned above except on particular occasions, mentioned in I(*g*) of the rules.

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S.No.3

No.9528-E.
Political and Services Department.
Bombay Castle, 15th December 1949.

From

M.D.Bhat, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Subject:- Use of the National Flag of India, and National Anthem.

Sir,

In continuation of this Department letter No.9528-E dated the 1st December 1949, on the subject noted above, I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of India a copy of Government Corrigendum, Political and Services Department, No.9528-E dated the 15th December 1949.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

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and National Anthem.

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY
Political and Services Department.
Corrigendum No.9528
Bombay Castle, 15th December 1949.

C O R R I G E N D U M

The following sentence should be substituted for the last sentence occurring in paragraph 3 of Government Circular, Political and Services Department No.9528 dated the 3rd November 1949.

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"Pending a final decision by the Constituent Assembly, the Government of India have decided that 'Jana ~~Mana~~ Gana Mana' alone should be recognised as the National Anthem of India"

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

M.D.Bhat,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Political and Services Department.

To

The Private Secretary to the Governor,
The Secretary to the Honourable the Premier,
The Commissioners of Divisions,
All Collectors,
The Inspector General of Police, Province of Bombay, Poona,
The Commissioner of Police, Bombay,
All Heads of Departments and Offices under the several Departments of the Secretariat,
All Personal Assistants to the Honourable Ministers,
The Secretary Bombay Legislature Department,
The Director of Publicity,
* The Prothonotary and Senior Master, High Court, Bombay,
* The Registrar, High Court, Appellate Side, Bombay.

*By letter.

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S.No.4

No. 336/49-2.
Government of Madras.
Public (Elections) Department.

Dated, Fort St.George, the 5th January 1950.

Office Memorandum.

Flags - National Flag of India - Class of buildings to which flags need not be provided - Annexure to G.O.No. 4005, Public (Miscellaneous), dated 18-11-1949 - Amendments issued.

The following amendments to the Annexure to G.O.No.4005, Public (Miscellaneous), dated the 18th November 1949 are issued:-

(i) In item (6) before the word "Forest," insert the word "Labour,", and

(ii) For the existing item "(17) Residential buildings" substitute "Residential buildings other than the residences of the Hon'ble Premier, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Speaker, Hon'ble President and Collectors."

S.R.Kaiwar,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To all Collectors.
To the Commissioner of Labour, Madras.

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To the Development Department.
To the Secretariat of Madras Legislature.
To the Chief Secretariat (O.P.II).
To the Chief Engineer (General).
To the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, Madras.
To the Board of Revenue,
To the Revenue Department.
Copy to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Superintendent.

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